Assistance provided by REC to A.P.

1143. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has agreed to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1100 crores to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2003-04; and

(b) if so, the details of amount released in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF. STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought financial assistance of Rs. 123.46 crores for electrification of hamlets/dalit bastis in 2003-04 which has been agreed to by the Rural Electrification Corporation.

(b) So far no fund has been released to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Assam

1144. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target fixed for the construction of rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for Assam during the year 2002-2003;

(b) whether the target has since been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (d) No separate targets were fixed during the year 2002-03; since in 2001-02 proposal under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) were considered for both 2001-02 and 2002-03 together, and a total of 294 road works were proposed for construction for both years together. State Government has reported that 108 road works have been completed upto May, 20C3 and the remaining works are in different stages of execution.